

France urges Iraq to take U.N. oil deal

PARIS (R) — French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette urged Iraq on Sunday to take advantage of a U.N. offer to exchange oil for food and medicine to ease the hardships of its people under Gulf war trade sanctions. "I am worried about the humanitarian situation and France will not associate itself with any move that could aggravate the situation of the Iraqi public," Mr. De Charette told parliament. "But neither will we budge from the legitimate demands of the international community expressed by U.N. Security Council resolutions. One of these, Resolution 986, would allow an improvement in the humanitarian situation in Iraq if Iraqi authorities were ready to abide by it," he said. "France is trying to discreetly try to get Iraqi authorities to consider and to apply this resolution," he said. U.N. sanctions imposed when Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990 permit food and medical imports, but with its oil exports blocked Baghdad lacks funds to pay for them.

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'Israel, Qatar to sign agreement'

DOHA (AFP) — Israel and Qatar will sign an agreement to establish air links, which will be the first between the Jewish state and a Gulf Arab country, a Qatari official said Sunday. "An Israeli delegation, including officials from the civil aviation, will visit Doha next week to sign an agreement," he told AFP, asking not to be named. He said the "Israeli authorities have sent a letter to Qatar, urging that bilateral relations be strengthened through an accord to exploit air transport between Tel Aviv and Doha." Under the proposed agreement, "an air liaison between Tel Aviv and Doha would be opened," he added, without specifying which company would exploit it. Qatar and Israel do not have diplomatic relations but Doha has taken several steps over the past few months for a rapprochement with the Jewish state. Qatar's Information and Culture Minister Hamad Abdul Aziz Al Kowari attended Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's funeral on Monday, while Israel last month signed a letter of intention to buy Qatari gas through U.S. company Enron. Qatar and Israel are also in talks over the opening of trade representation offices.

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Peres vows to continue Rabin's path for peace

Israelis pay tribute to slain leader with huge rally in Tel Aviv where he was assassinated

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ACTING PRIME Minister Shimon Peres promised on Sunday to follow slain leader Yitzhak Rabin's path to peace but assailed the "devil's disciples" in Israel he said stood in the way. Speaking at an emotional memorial ceremony of his ruling Labour Party, Mr. Peres, 73, who shared the Nobel Peace Prize with Mr. Rabin and leader Yasser Arafat in 1994, said Israel had no choice but to "continue to pave (the way of peace) so that the children who cried on his grave will not have to shed a tear in the future."

But Mr. Peres warned the crowd of 3,000, including ambassadors from the United States, Egypt and Jordan, that there were "a lot of people on the edge of insanity who think they are God's messengers. In fact they are devil's disciples."

Mr. Rabin's widow Leah meanwhile urged Israelis to pursue his quest for peace as she told a memorial rally of more than 200,000 people that his death would not be in vain.

It was an emotional return for the premier's widow to the square in Tel Aviv where eight days earlier Mr. Rabin was shot dead at the end of a



Leah Rabin, wife of late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, touches his grave in the Mount Herzl cemetery in West Jerusalem on Sunday, the last day of seven days of traditional Jewish mourning for the dead (AFP photo)

Crown Prince delivers message from King to Bahraini Emir, reviews ties

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — The Emir of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, on Sunday received His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, who delivered to him a message from His Majesty King Hussein, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said.

It is the first visit of a leading Jordanian figure to Bahrain since the 1991 Gulf war and is seen as yet another strong sign of improvement in Jordan's relations with the Gulf states after a four-year strain.

Petra said Crown Prince Hassan, who arrived here earlier in the day on a two-day visit in response to an invitation from Bahraini Crown Sheikh Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa, and Sheikh Isa discussed means of enhancing Jordanian-Bahrain cooperation and increasing consultations between the two countries.

Sheikh Isa paid tribute to the outcome of the Oct. 29-31 Middle East and North Africa (MENA) economic summit held in Amman and lauded the efforts that Jordan exerted to make the conference a success, leading the way for widening the scope of cooperation among the countries of the region.

The Crown Prince emphasised the need to broaden the base for active participation by the countries of the region and the role that Bahrain could play as an important international financial and commercial centre in the Gulf and the region.

Sheikh Isa requested Prince Hassan to convey his greetings and best wishes to King Hussein on his 60th birthday and wished the Monarch continued good health and happiness.

The meeting was attended by the Bahraini prime minister and the Crown prince in addition to senior officials. On the Jordanian side, the meeting was attended by Sharif Jamil Ben Nasser, Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Kabantli, and the Jordanian ambassador to Bahrain.

On his way from Jordan to Bahrain and while he was flying through Saudi Arabia's airspace, Crown Prince Hassan sent a cable of good wishes to King Fahd Ben Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia, wishing him and the Saudi family and people continued progress and prosperity.

Upon his arrival here, the Crown Prince was received by Sheikh Hamad, who is also commander of the Bahraini defence forces, and senior Bahraini officials.

The Crown Prince's talks in Bahrain would deal with Jordanian-Bahraini relations as well as moves to follow up and implement the decisions taken by the MENA summit on institutionalising regional cooperation as well as the status of efforts to realise a strong private sector role in developing the region.

The chief editors of Jordan's main dailies are accompanying the Crown Prince on the visit to Bahrain.



Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor on Sunday receive Spain's Queen Sofia upon her arrival in Amman to congratulate the King on his 60th birthday

King attends Mafraq rally, voices pride in Jordanians

MAFRAQ (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein on Sunday addressed a public rally held at Mafraq Governorate as part of the Kingdom's celebration of the King's 60th birthday expressing his appreciation to the Jordanian people and pride in belonging to the Jordanian family.

"The moments which I spend with you here are the most beautiful and most pleasant to me and I feel proud among my men and people," King Hussein said. Referring to his younger years, the King said that he had to assume responsibility for the people and lead the struggle for construction at an early age and had to return to Jordan for this responsibility, thus losing the chance to pursue higher education.

"I have committed myself to live with you and for you and amongst you, drawing strength and resolve from my people to face the dangers and the challenges," King Hussein told the rally, which was attended by Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Lower House Speaker Sa'ad Hayel Srour, Parliament members and

King receives birthday wishes Rabin wrote weeks before death

KING HUSSEIN has received a birthday wish from Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, written to him weeks before his assassination.

Mr. Rabin gave the letter to Jordanian photographer Zohrab Markarian in his Jerusalem office in early October during a meeting while the latter was shooting pictures for a new book, dedicated to the Monarch, who turns 60 on Tuesday.

"Mr. Rabin took out his pen and wrote a happy birthday letter to King Hussein and gave it to me to be included in the first copy of the new book 'The Kingdom of Peace'," Mr. Markarian was quoted as saying by news agencies on Sunday.

"The book and letter were given to His Majesty late on Saturday."

Mr. Rabin's hand-written letter, a copy of which was obtained by news agencies,

ministers. "I have learnt and undertaken the commitment to please God and serve the Jordanian people with a clear conscience and to dedicate all my life to my big Jordanian clan," he added.

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Israel eases closure of West Bank, Gaza

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) — Israeli authorities on Sunday eased the closure of the Palestinian territories imposed after the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. All men aged 28 and above possessing Israeli work permits were allowed to travel to their jobs in Israel. Previously only those aged 30 and above had been given permission to enter the Jewish state, when the closure was first eased on Tuesday.

French rally for Israel-Arab peace

PARIS (R) — Several hundred people demonstrated in the French capital on Sunday in support of Israel's Labour-led government and the Arab-Israeli peace process. The demonstrators gathered on Israel Square in a residential north Paris neighbourhood holding placards reading: "We allowed Rabin to die, let's not let the peace process die too."

Kinkel refuses to resign over Iran

BONN (R) — Bloodied but unbowed, German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel defied calls for his resignation at the weekend after absorbing a body blow from parliament over his handling of relations with Iran. "I will remain in office," Mr. Kinkel told the Welt am Sonntag weekly.

Major supports French A-tests

LONDON (AFP) — British Prime Minister John Major Sunday robustly defended French President Jacques Chirac over his internationally-deplored decision to carry out nuclear tests in the South Pacific. Mr. Major, speaking in Auckland, New Zealand, where he is attending a Commonwealth summit, dismissed as "humbug" and "grandstanding" outrage expressed by other Commonwealth nations over the French tests begun in September.

'Shin Bet was tipped off of Rabin assassination plan 5 months ago'

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ISRAELI POLICE were warned five months before the murder of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin that he was being targeted by a Jewish extremist, Israel radio revealed Sunday adding to a catalogue of security errors.

Police, the internal security services Shio Bet and army intelligence had precise information from June 15 about Mr. Rabin's assassin Yigal Amir, five months before he gunned the premier down in Tel Aviv, the radio said.

Amid the new revelations, police announced a news blackout on the progress of its investigation into the assassination.

"We don't want to turn it into an O.J. investigation," police spokesman Eric Bar-Chen said, referring to former football star O.J. Simpson whose arrest and double-

murder trial in Los Angeles dominated the U.S. media for more than a year.

"No one can work with the press crawling all over us. We don't want to conduct the investigation on the pages of the newspapers and on television screens."

He said that aside from "periodic news releases" in coordination with the security services, "we won't be going into any more details about the investigation."

Seven suspects, including confessed killer Amir are in custody. None has been charged.

Police announced earlier they had arrested a sergeant with an elite army corps and his father, bringing to eight the number of people being held.

State radio said the Shin Bet head and several top officials, whose identities are kept secret, may have to resign if it is proved that the service failed in its job to gather intelligence on the far-right.

Right-wing extremist Shlomo Halevy told an army intelligence officer and police on June 15 that a radical was planning to kill Mr. Rabin, the radio reported.

Halevy, who knew Amir for two years, did not give the assassin's name so as not to "betray his friends," saying he had overheard two Israelis talking by accident in a public toilet.

But he supplied lots of details, describing the assassin as a 25-year-old student from the Bar Ilan university near Tel Aviv, of Yemeni origin with short hair. He added the attack would be carried out by a pistol.

The information described exactly what happened on Nov. 4 at a peace rally in Tel Aviv.

In a report a police officer said the information was "serious and concrete" adding the "informant who supplied it was level-headed."

The information was passed onto the Shin Bet, which filed away the dossier but failed to identify Yigal Amir.

After the murder, investigators were "stunned" to find that the information given by Halevy matched exactly the assassination.

Halevy was among those arrested as part of the inquiry into the murder, but he was later released.

The report led to further speculation of Shin Bet's role in the affair, with an Israeli lecturer charging they must have colluded with Amir.

"The attack could not have succeeded without the conspiracy of the security services," said Michael Harsanyi.

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Arafat and 12 other PLO executives review course of peace after Rabin

CAIRO (Agencies) — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leadership met here on Sunday to work out its next moves in continuing the peace process after the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

"We examined the measures which the PLO and Palestinian (National) Authority (PNA) must take to ensure that the peace process continues on a good track despite Rabin's assassination," Palestinian Finance Minister Zohdi Nashashibi said.

Acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres has assured PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat that an Israeli troop redeployment would continue on schedule with a withdrawal from six West Bank towns by the end of the year.

A spokesman for the Egyptian presidency said meanwhile Mr. Peres would not come to Egypt for talks with

body in the organisation, due to internal disputes.

But committee member Samir Ghoshe, the PNA labour minister, said the political situation in the self-rule areas of Gaza and the West Bank, and in Israel after the assassination of Mr. Rabin, made the presence of all active members necessary.

"The Palestinians are entering a new stage now, with the elections coming up. It is necessary to mobilise all political powers to help see this stage through and to decide relations with a post-Rabin Israel," Mr. Ghoshe told Reuters.

He said the unprecedented elections in the self-rule areas, due to be held in 1996, dominated the committee's first session. Mr. Ghoshe said the executive members also discussed the controversial U.S. congressional vote to move the American embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

"This is not a time for

anyone who works for the country to abstain," he added.

Three of the original 18 members resigned in protest at the Oslo agreement, which set the guidelines for Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and West Bank. Prominent poet Mahmoud Darwish had resigned before the agreement.

The biggest surprises were the presence of Suleiman Nabab of the Palestinian People's Party and of independent Abdullah Hourani, who said in 1993 he would not attend until the Palestinian parliament decided on the self-rule agreements.

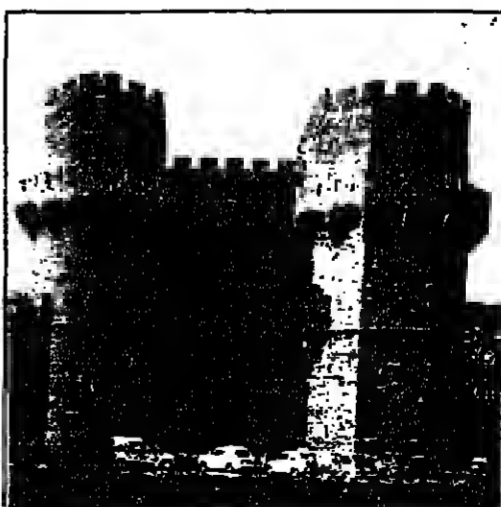
Fatrouk Kaddoumi, the PLO's foreign minister, and Mahmoud Abbas, better known as Abu Mazen, have also stayed away from the last two committee meetings but were present at the current gathering.

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Nigeria remains defiant over hangings of rights campaigners

LAGOS (R) — Nigeria remained defiant Sunday in the face of worldwide condemnation of the hangings of minority rights campaigners Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight kinsmen.

"The law has taken its full course," Lieutenant-Colonel Dauda Komo, governor of the southeastern Rivers State, told the Thursday newspaper in an interview published Sunday.

"Four prominent Ogoni people were killed, it was murder," Col. Komo said. Saro-Wiwa, a prominent playwright, and eight members of his Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni Peoples (MOSOP) were sentenced to death by a tribunal over the murders in May 1994 of four pro-government Ogoni chiefs.

They were hanged Friday in defiance of international appeals for clemency on the grounds that the trial was flawed.

The world has firmly condemned the hangings and powerful Western nations have recalled their top diplomats from Nigeria.

The Commonwealth, the 52-strong club which groups Britain and its former colonies, promptly suspended Nigeria's membership and has set a two-year deadline for military ruler General Sani Abacha to restore democracy to the country.

Even some African states, wary of criticising internal affairs of their neighbours, have roundly condemned the hangings.

But angry Nigerian opposition groups have urged the international community to take more punitive steps

against the military government.

"The Nigerian people expect nothing less than the total isolation of the General Sani Abacha regime, seizure of all assets abroad of members of the Nigerian junta, their families and friends," Ayo Obe, national leader of the Civil Liberties Organisation, the leading human rights group in the west African state, said Saturday.

So far, the Nigerian government has shown no sign of a quick return to democracy.

Gen. Abacha's spokesman David Attah told BBC World Service Radio that Nigeria was sad and disappointed at being suspended from the Commonwealth.

"We see it as most unfortunate, unfair and baseless, and it doesn't seem to approximate events and developments in Nigeria," he said.

Nigerian opposition groups have long demanded imposition of economic sanctions, including an embargo on Nigeria's crude oil, to force the military government to respect human rights and restore democracy which was aborted when the army annulled a presidential election in 1993.

But despite the international outrage at the execution it seemed unlikely the West would ban the flow of Nigerian oil, the country's economic lifeblood.

Oil is at the root of the Ogoni crisis.

Saro-Wiwa had long been campaigning for a fair share of income derived by the government from export of crude oil, some of which

was produced in Ogoniland. His MOSOP group has also been calling for self-determination for the 500,000 Ogoni people in Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation of nearly 90 million people.

Ordinary Nigerians have expressed disgust at the executions but so far there have not been mass protests.

Sunday newspapers said a crowd of about 200 gathered at a rally called by radical Lagos lawyer Gani Fawehinmi Saturday to denounce the hangings but were dispersed by riot police.

Earlier Sunday, the Commonwealth set Nigeria a two-year deadline to reform or face expulsion as it gave new teeth to its principles on democracy and human rights.

"We would hope that in the period extending out two years we would see concrete evidence... concrete moves of Nigeria to move back to an acceptable approach to government," New Zealand Prime Minister Jim Bolger said.

Leaders set the two-year deadline — until their next summit in Britain in 1997 — a day after taking the unprecedented step of suspending Nigeria for the hangings.

British Prime Minister John Major slapped a ban on military sales to Nigeria, which are already tightly restricted, and said he would urge others to follow suit.

The summit also decided to create a special action group of eight foreign ministers to deal with violations of democracy and human rights in member states.

"It will be the group's task to assess the nature of the infringement and recommend measures for collective Commonwealth action aimed at the speedy restoration of democracy and constitutional rule," leaders said in a statement.

Their moves were aimed at restoring credibility to the Commonwealth, two days after Nigeria ignored its pleas for clemency and executed Saro-Wiwa and eight associates.

"I think the suggestion of the Commonwealth's failure is inaccurate and wrong," said Mr. Bolger, hailing a new era for the organisation as a "vibrant gathering of nations".

Australian Prime Minister Paul Keating said the 52-strong club of Britain and its former colonies had "passed the test".

"The Commonwealth had to act, and the Commonwealth has acted," he told reporters.

Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad said Nigeria should show evidence of moves towards democracy within six months to a year. But he acknowledged the Commonwealth's clout was limited.

"The Commonwealth is without any power of enforcement. There is really very little we can do. So we have to send a message to them that this is not something we can accept," he said.

Mr. Bolger said leaders gave little consideration to sanctions against Nigeria, a major oil producer, as this was a matter for individual countries.



South African President Nelson Mandela (left) and Australian Prime Minister Paul Keating lay wreaths during the remembrance service at the Commonwealth heads of government meeting retreat near Queenstown, New Zealand (AFP photo)

Kohl arrives for China visit

BEIJING (R) — German Chancellor Helmut Kohl arrived in Beijing Sunday for the start of a visit to China that has sparked controversy over his decision to place military cooperation on the agenda.

Mr. Kohl was welcomed at Beijing's capital airport by Minister of Machine-Building He Guangyuan and Deputy Foreign Minister Jiang Enzhu.

Avoiding the limousine motorcade that China traditionally accords to visiting leaders, Mr. Kohl climbed into a bus provided by Beijing's Capital Tax Co for the drive into the city.

He is to spend the day resting before launching his high-profile economic and political visit with a stream of meetings and talks with China's leaders Monday.

He is to meet President Jiang Zemin, Premier Li Peng and Vice Premier Zhu Rongji, in charge of China's economic reforms.

The five-day trip is Mr. Kohl's fourth to China since he took office 13 years ago and is the latest in a flurry of visits between China and its biggest trade partner in Europe.

He is also placing military cooperation on the agenda with a visit to the showcase 196th Infantry Division in Tianjin.

The move has sparked accusations that he is restoring the good name of the Chinese Armed Forces that brutally crushed pro-democracy protests in Beijing's Tiananmen Square in 1989.

Bonn government sources say Germany does not wish to normalise military relations with China — still subject to an EU arms embargo — and that the 196th Division took no part in the Tiananmen massacre.

They say Bonn simply wants to match the United States in its level of military cooperation with Beijing by exploring ways to work together on military medicine or training methods.

Speaking last week, Guenter Verheugen, parliamentary foreign affairs spokesman for the opposition Social Democrats, said it was "absolutely not normal for the host country's army to be visited during an official visit".

"Whether Kohl likes it or not, this raises the status of the army. It may even be seen in China itself as a kind of rehabilitation," he told, private radio station FFN.

Mr. Kohl is taking Economics Minister Guenter Rexrodt, Research Minister Juergen Rueffers and Post and Telecommunications Minister Wolfgang Boetsch on the 10-day Asian tour to China, Vietnam and Singapore, along with 45 top business leaders.

"I expect a new upswing in already excellent economic ties. I expect progress in the many big deals being negotiated, currently about 30," Mr. Rexrodt told German radio last week.

The deals with China could run into tens of billions of marks in the long run, he said.

He said Germany wanted more cooperation in high technology and to set up more joint ventures with small to medium-sized firms. But he declined to name firms that might be involved.

Japan guru accused of making LSD, guns

TOKYO (R) — Japanese police Sunday laid charges of manufacturing illegal drugs and automatic weapons against the leader of the doomsday cult accused of the nerve gas attack on Tokyo subways in March, a police spokesman said.

Aum Shinri Kyo (Supreme Truth Sect) leader Shoko Asahara, 40, was accused of ordering cult chemists to produce LSD and other hallucinogenic drugs to use along with poisonous gases to try to create urban chaos, the spokesman told Reuters.

The newest charges are the 10th set of offences laid against Asahara, who has been in police custody since May 16, after his arrest in connection with numerous

crimes, including the March 20 sarin gas attack on the Tokyo subway system.

Asahara was to have gone on trial on Oct. 26 for the subway gas attack, in which 11 people died and about 5,000 were made ill, but the trial was postponed when he sacked his defence lawyer.

He has since reappointed counsel and is expected to go before a Tokyo court early next year. Asahara also faces murder charges connected to the execution-style killing of sect members who sought to quit his cult and the slaying in 1989 of a lawyer who pressed lawsuits against Aum Shinri Kyo.

The police spokesman said Sunday that Asahara also faced a separate charge of ordering cult members to

produce 1,000 automatic weapons modeled after the Soviet AK-47.

Police raids on sect compounds in the countryside west of Tokyo yielded a large number of gun parts, police said.

The latest charges came as Aum Shinri Kyo was fighting a court order to disband for violations of the law on religious organisations, which allows a court to dissolve a religious group that commits illegal acts that harm the public interest.

The Oct. 30 decision deprives the cult, which had 10,000 members in Japan and thousands more overseas, of tax breaks and financial privileges associated with a religious status.

Seoul prosecutors set stage for Roh's arrest

SEOUL (R) — State prosecutors set the stage Sunday for a possible arrest of South Korea's disgraced former President Roh Tae-woo by saying they had evidence he took bribes for favours from business groups during his term in office.

If arrested, Mr. Roh would become the first South Korean head of state, serving or retired, to face criminal action.

Mr. Roh has publicly confessed he amassed \$654 million during his 1988-1993 term in office and said he still kept \$242 million when he left the presidential Blue House. Roh also said accepting money from business groups was normal practice in the past.

Senior state prosecutor Ahn Kang-Min, leading a probe into slush funds Mr. Roh amassed in office, told reporters Saturday prosecutors had evidence some business groups gave millions of dollars to Mr. Roh in return for favours.

"Yes, we have evidence that some business groups gave bribes to former President Roh to win major state projects," he said, making clear they believed Mr. Roh had broken the law. This was the first time

prosecutors had officially confirmed allegations business groups gave Mr. Roh bribes.

Mr. Ahn also said they were considering summoning Mr. Roh again this week. He did not say Mr. Roh would be arrested, but prosecutors have told local reporters in off-the-record background briefings Mr. Roh is likely to be held if he is summoned, as expected, towards the end of this week.

"Prosecutors plan to finish questioning heads of conglomerates by Monday, resumption Mr. Roh sometime this week and arrest him for bribery," said the newspaper Dnng-A Ilho Sunday.

South Korean law sets long jail terms for public servants who accept bribes. Several dozen business heads who have been called in by prosecutors have admitted only to giving him money as no-strings-attached gifts, not as kickbacks for lucrative projects.

Some heads of business groups are also expected to face arrest for graft, a prosecution official said Sunday. But he declined further comment. Kim Woo-Chong, the chairman of the giant

Daewoo Group, arrived at the prosecutors' office Sunday evening. He is alleged to have helped Mr. Roh convert \$39 million in secret bank accounts into legitimate accounts.

"I will reveal everything to prosecutors," Mr. Kim said Sunday upon his arrival at the Seoul Kimpo Airport from an overseas business trip.

Meanwhile, prosecutors Sunday were still questioning Mr. Roh's brother Jae-woo. They are trying to find out if the brother, who appeared for questioning Saturday, helped Mr. Roh invest his ill-gotten fortune in property.

"The brother is still being questioned. We believe that former President Roh bought property under the names of his brother and nephew," said the official.

He did not rule out the possibility of summoning Mr. Roh's son and nephew sometime this week. The chairman of Sunkyong Chey Jong-Hyun, who is also a relative of Mr. Roh by marriage, was sent home early Sunday morning after being grilled for nearly 20 hours.

Millions of Britons silent for Armistice Day

LONDON (R) — Millions of Britons Saturday observed two minutes of silence to honour the dead of two world wars. Traffic ground to a halt and bus drivers stood in silence by the roadside. Betting shops halted gambling. National Lottery tills were silent and Harrods Department Store stopped trading. Even the England football team halted training in the buildup for their next international match. War veterans from the Royal British Legion had been backed by Prime Minister John Major in their campaign for a nationwide two-minute silence to commemorate the 1918 Armistice Day that ended World War I. "The two-minute silence was well respected throughout the country and we are very pleased that so many people took this opportunity to reflect and remember," said Legion spokesman Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton.

Miss Korea wins Miss Asia-Pacific crown

BAGUIO, Philippines (AFP) — Yoon Mi-Jung, a 21-year-old classical music student from South Korea, won the Miss Asia-Pacific title for 1995 at a colourful pageant in this northern resort city. Her victory late Saturday came as a surprise since she had rarely been mentioned as a favourite. Ms. Yoon, who plays the cello, takes over from Jessica Tapia of Peru, who won the 1994 pageant. India's Ruchita Malhotra was crowned first runner-up, while Hsiao-Ping Chen of Taiwan was second runner-up in the contest which drew beauty queens from 27 Asia-Pacific countries. Pilar Abed of Peru and Malaysia's Previya Thiagarajah ended as third and fourth runners-up, respectively. Ms. Yoon said in answer to a question on the role today's woman she wanted to "give the best to my husband and family, and be a good wife." She and Ms. Malhotra emotionally embraced after only two of them were left on the stage before the winner was announced. After the Indian beauty was named second runner-up, pandemonium broke as dozens of photographers jostled for the winner's picture. Ms. Yoon, the eldest of two children of Seoul businessman Yoon Tu, won \$10,000 cash and other prizes. Her mother, who accompanied her to the Philippines, described the five-foot, nine-inch beauty as a "good daughter."

That wasn't high C he missed — it was only a B

NEW YORK (AP) — Turns out Luciano Pavarotti, the king of the high C's, gave up his crown some time ago without telling anyone. The 60-year-old tenor wasn't even trying for that lofty note last Saturday night at the Metropolitan Opera when he sang the role of Tonio in Donizetti's "L'Elisir d'Amore". The Regent, the part that made him a superstar 24 years ago. Without informing his adoring public, he had transposed the fiendishly difficult aria "pour mes amis" a half-tone lower to make it easier to sing. He duly hit all the high notes, which were actually B naturals. It didn't work during the second performance, Wednesday. His voice cracked on a B and he gave way to an understudy at intermission. Though musically the difference is just a half-tone, symbolically the gulf is vast. High C has become one of the supreme hurdles for operatic tenors — the equivalent of the four-minute mile (1.6 kilometers) for runners, the note that can make the difference between a modest career and great one.

Azeris go to polls in controversial general election

BAKU (AFP) — Voters in Azerbaijan went to the polls Sunday to elect the country's first post-Soviet parliament but four main opposition parties were excluded from standing.

The voters are also to pass judgment on a new constitution which would significantly expand the powers of ex-Communist President Geydar Aliyev.

The exclusion of four main opposition parties on technical grounds cast uncertainty over the election even before a single ballot was cast. Opposition leaders in the Caucasus republic have denounced the election as a farce.

A Popular Front (PF) official said moreover Sunday that ballot scrutineers from the opposition had been refused entry to several polling stations, while at the end of October four journalists — including two PF candidates — and two other employees of an opposition paper were arrested and sentenced to terms of hard labour for publishing "defamatory" portraits of the president.

In an apparent conciliatory gesture, Mr. Aliyev announced Sunday the six had been pardoned.

No preliminary turnout figures had been released by 2 p.m. (1000 GMT) but an official at Azerbaijan's Central Electoral Commission cited a participation rate of between 30 and 50 per cent in the country's regions.

A 50-per cent turnout is required for the controversial vote to be valid.

Observers from the United Nations and the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) noted "some problems" with the vote but believed no dramatic violations had taken place, a source at the international observer mission said.

The 4.26 million Azeris are eligible to vote for the 125 members of the Milli Medjlis, or parliament — 25 seats by proportional representation, 100 by majority vote in constituencies.

The electorate will also decide on a referendum on a new constitution strengthening the powers of Mr.

Aliyev, Azerbaijan's Brezhnev-era leader who returned to take over the reins of power in the oil-rich republic two years ago.

Mr. Aliyev, 72, hailed the poll Sunday as he cast his vote here, welcomed at the polling station by children in traditional Azeri costume.

"This is a historic day, the first in the history of Azerbaijan where we ourselves have the possibility of resolving our problems in a sovereign manner," Mr. Aliyev said.

"I hope, from the bottom of my heart, that the vote passes in a democratic fashion."

Eight parties are registered for the proportional voting and there are 387 candidates for the 100 constituency seats.

The Popular Front of former President Abulfaz Elchibey, overthrown in June 1993, is the only opposition party in the proportional poll, in which Mr. Aliyev's own Eni Azerbailan is favourite.

But four opposition parties have been excluded from elections, prompting

opposition leaders to accuse Mr. Aliyev of manipulating the poll in his favour.

Voters will also be considering the country's new draft constitution, denounced by opposition figures as a presidential scheme to turn parliament into a mere rubber-stamp for Mr. Aliyev's decisions.

But Mr. Aliyev has said the new basic law will respect democratic principles and also help speed a settlement to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict "by demonstrating to the entire world that the rights of the Armenian minority in Karabakh will be respected."

Nagorno-Karabakh, an enclave within Azerbaijan populated mostly by ethnic Armenians, has been riven by six years of war triggered by Armenian demands for secession.

Seven seats have been reserved in the new parliament for the approximately one million Azeri refugees who have fled the conflict.

S. Korea gives Japan deadline to sack minister

SEOUL (R) — Seoul gave Tokyo a two-day deadline to sack a minister who made offensive remarks about Japan's colonial rule or face cancellation of a summit and a recall of its ambassador, Yonhap News Agency said Sunday.

Seoul wants Management and Coordination Agency Minister Takami Eio sacked by Tuesday at the latest, before the opening of an Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum in Osaka. Yonhap quoted an unnamed diplomat source as saying.

Japan's Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama and South Korean President Kim Young-Sam are scheduled to meet in Osaka.

"The Seoul-Tokyo diplomatic row over Eio's controversial remarks will meet a crucial moment Monday or Tuesday," Yonhap quoted the source as saying.

"If Japan fails to dismiss Eio by then, and the Kim-Murayama summit is consequently called off, Seoul will have no option but to recall Ambassador Kim."

Foreign Ministry officials were not immediately available for comment on the threat to the summit or the recall of Ambassador Kim Tae-Zhee.

South Korea first threatened Saturday to pull off the summit unless Tokyo fired Mr. Eio, who set off a storm by saying Japan did "good things" during its colonial rule over the Korean peninsula.

Japan's Foreign Minister Yobei Kono late Friday dropped plans to visit South Korea Saturday after Seoul angrily rejected his trip as "meaningless."

South Korea was already smarting from comments by Murayama who said Japan's annexation of Korea in 1910 that began 35 years of brutal colonial rule was legally valid.

"Minister Eio's remarks erupted even before we had time to soothe our anger over Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama's earlier remark. This time we cannot just let it pass," Kim Ha-Jung, director-general of the Asia Bureau in the

Foreign Ministry, was quoted by the Dong-A Ilbo Sunday as saying.

"The ball is now in Japan's court," he said.

The Korea Herald said South Korea was taking a hard stance against Japan because of the "determination to use the dismissal of Mr. Eio to put a lid on remarks repeated by Japanese politicians advocating Japan's colonial rule of Korea."

But it will not be easy to get rid of Mr. Eio since he is a member of the conservative Liberal Democratic Party, the biggest partner in his coalition that includes a powerful lobby opposing any apologies for Japan's past aggression.

Mr. Murayama was forced to back down from his comments, which were seen as a whitewash of Japanese wartime aggression, saying the annexation accord was signed on an "unequal footing."

The furor triggered fierce criticisms from both South and North Korea where bitter memories remain of

colonial rule, which ended in 1945 with Tokyo's defeat in World War II.

An annual meeting of parliamentarians from South Korea and Japan was indefinitely postponed and President Kim warned Japan to make a full apology for atrocities against Koreans.

Japan "erected schools and universities and substantially raised the level of education, laid 5,000 kilometres of railroads, conducted irrigation, improved port facilities and planted trees in the hills" during its 1910-45 rule, Mr. Eio said.

He apologised for his comments but Seoul said it was not enough.

Communist North Korea's Rodong Sinmun condemned Saturday Mr. Eio's remark saying the "Japanese imperialists enforced colonial education in Korea only to strangle the national education, and their building of railway and harbours only served the plundering of more local resources afterwards."

(R) — Millions of Britons observed a day of silence on Saturday to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. Traffic ground to a halt and bus drivers observed silence by the roadside. Betting shops, pubs and restaurants were closed. In London, the Houses of Parliament were silent. In the building of the British Legion, a two-minute silence was observed. The silence was broken by a hymn and a reading from the Book of Isaiah. The day was a time of reflection and remembrance for many Britons.



Residents and rescue workers carry a wounded man away from the site of a powerful bomb blast near Sri Lanka army headquarters in Colombo (AFP photo)

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Philippines' Moon Mi-Jung, a classical musician, won the Asia-Pacific Music Competition in Seoul, South Korea. She was 15 years old and from the Philippines. Her victory was a surprise to many as she was relatively unknown. She played a piece by Beethoven and was praised for her technical skill and emotional expression. The competition was one of the most prestigious in the region.

Kremlin disturbed by failure to end Chechenya war

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian leaders are troubled by the failure to end the 11-month-old war in Chechenya and are pushing to end it soon. Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin said Friday. Even as he spoke, however, the Russian military was reporting stepped-up conflicts involving Chechen fighters, saying the rebels had used mortars and heavy weapons against Russian troops. Mr. Chernomyrdin said he and President Boris Yeltsin were extremely disturbed by the continuing clashes. "We are now doing everything we can to end the conflict as quickly as possible," he said, according to the ITAR-TASS news agency. "I don't want to forecast the exact time limits, but we have recently agreed on several radical decisions and have done much to end the conflict in the Chechen Republic and to stabilise the situation there." Speaking at a gathering at the unveiling of a memorial to 38 Russian servicemen who were killed during a time of peace, he urged law enforcement bodies to "subdue the murky wave of criminal encroachments" in Chechenya. He added: "We shall not allow any war against the Chechen people. But proper counter-actions will be taken against the irreconcilable armed formations."

Major rejects criticism over N. Ireland

AUCKLAND (R) — British Prime Minister John Major rejected Irish criticism Sunday that his intransigence was blocking the Northern Ireland peace process and pointed the finger of blame firmly at the IRA's political wing, Sinn Féin. Mr. Major was responding to a call Saturday by Irish Prime Minister John Bruton for Britain to drop its insistence on making all-party peace talks dependent on disarming Irish Republican Army (IRA) guerrillas and to back a reasonable compromise. Speaking at Auckland Airport at the end of a visit to New Zealand for the biennial Commonwealth summit, Mr. Major's annoyance with Mr. Bruton was plain. He said Britain and Ireland had prepared an extremely good compromise on the key issue of banding in weapons, but Dublin had pulled out at the eleventh hour from a summit in September that was meant to endorse the plan. "It wasn't the British government that backed away. It was the Irish government that didn't proceed with that meeting because it came under pressure from Sinn Féin and other people," Mr. Major said. He said he knew Mr. Bruton was under heavy domestic pressure to make progress on talks to cement 14 months of fragile peace in Northern Ireland but insisted Britain was not at fault. Mr. Major put the onus squarely on the IRA and Sinn Féin, which want to reunite the British-ruled province with the predominantly Catholic Irish Republic to the south. Parties representing Northern Ireland's promise British Protestant majority would simply not agree to talks until the IRA handed in the arms which it fought British rule for 25 years before it declared a truce in September 1994, Mr. Major said. "The problem above all lies with Sinn Féin and Sinn Féin's complete reluctance to tackle the question, even with an international body, of how their arsenal of weapons and explosives are going to be taken out of commission," he said. Britain has proposed an international panel to advise on ways of handling the weapons issue. Sinn Féin has rejected the idea, saying disarmament is a subject for the talks it wants. "The blockade is theirs and no weasel words to the contrary will change that hard reality," Mr. Major said. He accused Sinn Féin leaders Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness of hindering the chance of talks by issuing veiled threats if they do not get their way. "What is not a starter is for people to make it clear that they would resort to violence if they don't get their way in talks and then expect to be admitted to talks... That isn't on," Mr. Major said. The long-distance slanging match underscores the increasingly fragile nature of the peace process in Northern Ireland, just two weeks before U.S. President Bill Clinton visits the province. Two huge car bombs were discovered Friday that security sources believe were meant for an attack on a British army base. Ownership of the bombs was claimed by a hardline Irish Republican splinter group that broke away from mainstream Sinn Féin in 1986.

52 missing in Nepal's worst avalanche disaster

KATHMANDU (AFP) — At least 52 trekkers were missing and feared dead Sunday following three avalanches in the Himalayas in Nepal's worst avalanche disasters ever. The missing were believed to be of many nationalities, including Britons, Canadians, French, Germans and Japanese, though little information was immediately available from the remote areas, police said. Rescue workers sent helicopters after land searches proved futile, police said. Nepal authorities put rescue efforts on a war footing with both army and police personnel participating. At least 26 people — 13 Japanese trekkers and 13 Nepalese porters — were feared dead in an avalanche early Saturday which hit their lodge in Gokyo about 22 kilometres northwest of Namche Bazar near Mount Everest, police said. There were 54 people camping in Gokyo when the avalanche occurred but the fate of the others was not immediately known. Another 18 were reported missing in an avalanche late Friday further north of Gokyo. This group was believed to include British, French and German trekkers, authorities said. Eight trekkers, including at least one Canadian, were feared dead after they were buried under heavy snow late Friday in the Mustang area, 375 kilometres northwest of Kathmandu, police said. Seventy-eight people, including 43 foreign trekkers, were airlifted late Saturday and early Sunday from the Gokyo area by Asian Airlines and Nepal Airways, which used the Syangboche Airport in the region, police said. "Another group of 150 trekkers and local Sherpa porters were seen from the rescue helicopter moving towards Gokyo Valley digging through deep snow," police said in a statement, adding snow was nearly two-and-a-half metres (8 feet) deep. "The trekkers in the Everest region are facing a food shortage and warm clothes and whatever little they had in their rucksacks were lost in the avalanche," the message said. Mountaineering guide Ang Gyalzen Sherpa said avalanches killing mountaineers were always a risk but "the death of so many trekkers much below the Himalayan foothills like in Gokyo Valley is quite rare," heavy snow Friday and Saturday and high winds were blamed. Rescue helicopters left here Sunday morning to comb the foothills of Everest and were expected to return late Sunday afternoon, said a spokesman for Trans Himalayan Travel and Tour, which handled the trekking tour for the 26 people missing at the Gokyo Lodge. The worst previous avalanche in Nepal occurred in 1972 when 14 climbers, mostly South Koreans, died following an avalanche on the 8,163 metre (26,780 foot) Mount Manaslu, the world's eighth tallest peak, officials said. The second worst mountain accident occurred last November when 11 climbers — nine Germans, one Swiss and a Nepalese guide — died on Pisang peak.

Snipers kill two in Karachi shootings

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Gunmen shot and killed two police officers and four other people in the violence-ravaged southern Pakistani city of Karachi, a police spokesman said Sunday. The two policemen and one of the civilians were killed in sniper fire in separate incidents late Saturday night in the city's Western Orangi district. The three other victims — one of whom was allegedly a member of the opposition Mohajir Qaumi Movement — were killed in central Karachi also in separate sniper attacks. No one has claimed responsibility for the killings, but authorities blame extremists from the MQM for the deaths of the police officers. For months Karachi has been shattered by ethnic clashes between the city's majority Mohajir population and authorities. More than 60 people have been killed so far this month, including 15 who were gunned down in an execution-style mass murder. The violence stems from a growing rift between Karachi's majority Mohajir population and the government. Mohajirs, or Indian Muslims, came to Pakistan when the country was established in 1947. Although they form the largest ethnic group in Karachi, they say they face widespread discrimination. The MQM has accused the government of violence against Mohajirs and says they are treated like second class citizens. Police say the MQM has turned to more and more violent methods to press for their demand of equal rights. Policemen have become a favoured target of gunmen linked to the MQM.

Sri Lanka army captures rebel underground base

COLOMBO (R) — Sri Lanka troops attacking the northern Tamil rebel stronghold of Jaffna captured an underground base as police conducted a sweep of Colombo after suicide bombings, security sources said Sunday. "With superior firepower troops overcame attempts by terrorists to delay the advance, causing heavy casualties to the terrorists," a military statement said of the Jaffna fighting. "Preparations and reconnaissance for further operations are in progress," it added. Rebel underground complexes found by troops in Kopai were being cleared and small arms, anti-tank mines and locally made mortar launchers were also captured, the statement said. Tiger guerrillas, fighting a fierce rearguard action to defend Jaffna City, lost some 70 fighters Saturday, raising their death toll to more than 250 since the army resumed their push Friday after a two-week lull, military sources said. Rebel fortifications in the area, among the last lines of the rebels' defence of Jaffna, were destroyed, they said. "There were several confrontations as our troops pushed forward," a senior army officer told Reuters. "We lost 15 men and had 84 wounded." Troops converging on Jaffna City on two axes of advance from their Palaly Air Base advanced two kilometres south of Urumpirai as well as south-east of Kopai Junction, the military statement said. Jaffna residents, who arrived in Vavuniya, the northernmost town under government control, said the rebels claimed to have destroyed a tank. In Colombo, already under a tight security blanket, more roadblocks were set up and hundreds of people questioned over the attacks by the suicide bombers, one of them a woman, in which 15 people, mostly civilians, died and more than 50 were wounded. One of the bombers tried to enter army headquarters while the other blew himself up nearby. "The two appear to have come alone," Colombo Police Chief G.B. Kotakadeniya told Reuters. "They may have been waiting for an army VIP and may have had a deadline. We did a massive sweep of the city. Two suspects have been detained." The armed forces chief kept away from Sunday's Remembrance Day ceremonies to commemorate the island's war dead after the two suicide bombings, in which army chief Lieutenant General Gerry De Silva may have been the target, security sources said. Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) rebels have sent several hit squads to try to assassinate military chiefs as government troops close in on Jaffna in the biggest offensive of the 12-year war, the sources said. Most of the town's civilian residents have fled, joining between 100,000 and 500,000 refugees camped at Chavakachcheri, east of Jaffna City, and south across the Jaffna Lagoon in and around Kilinochchi on the mainland. The army, which launched the current offensive against the rebels on Oct. 17, is advancing on strategic points near Jaffna, the heart of the would-be homeland the rebels are fighting for in the island's north and east. More than 50,000 people have died in the war. The army says more than 1,300 rebels have been killed and 4,000 wounded in the latest offensive. The army has lost more than 300 soldiers and had over 1,800 wounded. In eastern Batticaloa, eight police commandos died when rebels ambushed their patrol Saturday, the statement said. Police said the arrest last Sunday of two Catholic priests for trying to smuggle banned goods and money into the rebel-held north provided evidence that churchmen were helping guerrillas. "No doubt the church is an accomplice," a senior police officer told Reuters. "This is nothing new. Even on previous occasions we found the church giving support to the rebels." A church spokesman said the church gave the money at the priests' request to help refugees.

Shuttle Atlantis blasts off on Russian mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) — Space shuttle Atlantis punched through low clouds Sunday on its return mission to Russia's orbiting station, this time with a docking port and construction crew. NASA had feared bad weather at the shuttle emergency landing strips across the Atlantic might delay the flight for the second day in a row, but skies cleared sufficiently at one of the touchdown sites in Spain. Atlantis rose from its sea-side pad at 7:30 a.m. (1230 GMT), after the Russian space station Mir soared 395 kilometres (245 miles) above. The shuttle slipped into orbit eight minutes later. "We hope you have a good ride up to Mir," NASA test director Bill Dowdell told the astronauts just before liftoff. "Sorry we had to do this twice, but I think we're ready now and everything looks good," replied shuttle Commander Kenneth Cameron.

Bangladesh ferry disaster claims 75 lives

DHAKA (R) — At least 75 people were missing feared drowned after a crowded ferry capsized in northern Bangladesh and some 200 fishermen were still missing following a severe coastal storm, officials said Sunday. As relatives continued searching for fishermen missing after a storm last Thursday in the Bay of Bengal, a ferry carrying 175 people trying to reach a flood relief centre sank Saturday. "About 100 people swam ashore or were picked up by other boats. But the rest are feared to have drowned," one official told reporters Sunday. Almost 24 hours after the boat capsized on the northern Teesta River, rescuers have retrieved only one body, officials said. They said the ferry was caught in a strong current on its way to reach a relief centre where flood survivors collect their weekly government ration. "This is particularly shocking because the victims were expecting to grab food for their families," said one official in the district of Rangpur. Witnesses said the small ferry was overcrowded. "The ferry's operators could not resist people trying to board it. They were desperate not to miss it," one witness told reporters. Fishing community leaders in Cox's Bazar told reporters meanwhile that a freighter picked up 12 fishermen alive from the sea Saturday but about 200 others caught in Thursday's storm had still not been found. Bangladesh does not have a Coast Guard and searches are carried out by relatives of missing fishermen, fishing community leader Ekramul Hossain Chowdhury said Sunday. He said hopes of the fishermen being found alive were fading and the search might be called off soon.

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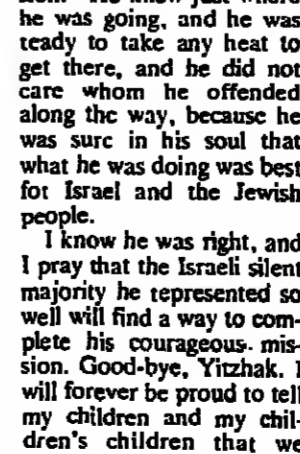
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NAWAF ZAKI, a writer in *Al Dustour*, directed attention to Iraq, criticising the latest extension of the U.N. embargo on the Arab country as an unjustified act. The writer said that the five year embargo seems directly connected with the interests of the United States, which has total hegemony on the U.N. Security Council and its resolutions, and not related to Iraq's abidance by the council's resolutions. While holding on to an excuse that Iraq is producing weapons of mass destruction, the council and the world community continues to ignore the fact that Israel is far ahead of Iraq in its continued nuclear programmes, said the writer. He said while the Security Council claims to be imposing penalty on Iraq for waging war on Kuwait, it is totally condoning Israel's acts of aggression on the Arab countries in the past decades.

True the procedures of the HRC are too slow. First the members would have to decide whether to accept the

Other than that, the international community as well as Germany would be stuck with an interpretation of the freedom of expression that goes way beyond the realm of reason and common sense. One cannot describe another person as a killer or criminal when the laws of his land not only legalise military service but also make it compulsory, especially in times of war. It is hard to comprehend what exactly went through the minds of the German judges who pronounced themselves on this point. Obviously there were some dissenting opinions who did not want to go so far in defending freedom of expression. The result, though, could be alarming to all states which are flirting with the policy of expanding freedom of expression. We have seen how the two liberal nations of freedom of expression in Israel have led to a climate of hate and violence that culminated in the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Closer to home, His Majesty King Hussein has drawn attention to this problem in his speech to senior officers of the armed and security forces few days ago. We really have to be very careful about how far we want to go in expanding freedom of expression. We certainly do not wish to go as far as Germany or Israel for that matter in this vein. Yet we must not allow our legitimate concerns disrupt the basic tenets and objectives of free press. Free and responsible press is, the corner stone of all democracies. It is one thing to put a lid on undue liberalisation of this pillar of democracy and quite another to suffocate it altogether.



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"I don't think Yeltsin really wants to run for president (again)," Sergei Markov of the Carnegie Institute for Peace said recently "but there are corrupt forces on his team who owe their livelihood to him."

After a few months the old ranter stopped bothering with guests, and just devoted his full programme to haranguing his viewers about the inequities of the free market and democracy, the need for pan-Slavic unity and other familiar right-wing obsessions. So the viewers voted with their feet, and last month the network pulled the plug on Mr. Solzhenitsyn.

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Oman reforms to help budget, attract capital

MUSCAT (AFP) — Economic reforms launched by Oman four years ago to offset weak oil prices will help tackle its budget deficit and attract investment, the Omani chamber of commerce and industry said Sunday.

The reforms included privatisation of five public institutions and there are plans to sell more government facilities and set up major projects in partnership with the private sector, the chamber said in a study on Oman's reforms, the largest economic restructuring programme in the Gulf.

"Privatisation programmes in the sultanate will produce a lot of gains," said the study, carried by the official Omani news agency.

"They include upgrading productivity and achieving extra revenue that will improve the balance of payments and cut the budget deficit, boost financial reserves and meet growing development needs instead of withdrawing from the overseas reserves or restoring to the more costly borrowing," the study added.

Oman, an independent oil producer, launched reforms after its economy was hurt by low crude prices due to its heavy dependence on oil exports.

The reforms include privatisations, freeing interest rates, improvement of investment laws and opening the stock market to foreigners.

Apart from a key cement plant and four other public enterprises, the government plans to sell more facilities while it has already announced the establishment of major projects to be managed by the private sector.

They include a petrochemical complex at a cost of around \$800 million, new electricity networks and expansion of existing plants, and two sewage ventures in Muscat and Minah at a cost of nearly \$715 million.

"Such a policy will help expand the investors' base, activate dealing in the stock exchange, and boost national savings," the chamber said.

"It will also attract overseas Omani funds, enable the private sector to manage major projects and create new job opportunities for the citizens."

Oman produces more than 800,000 barrels per day of crude, fetching nearly \$4 billion a year. But revenues are set to surge when an \$8 billion gas liquefaction plant start producing six million tonnes by the year 2000.

The decline in oil prices has slowed Oman's economy, turned a surplus in the balance of payment into a deficit and created a persistent budget shortfall, which was projected at around \$811 million in 1995.

EU, U.S. businessmen appeal to governments to lift trade barriers

SEVILLE, Spain (AFP) — More than 100 business leaders from the European Union (EU) and the United States Saturday appealed to their governments to step up efforts to remove barriers to transatlantic trade.

"The obstacles to business, caused by both excessive regulation and differences between EU and U.S. regulatory systems must be dismantled," said a communiqué issued after a gathering here entitled "Transatlantic Business Dialogue."

U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown said the outcome of the two-day meeting had surpassed predictions from "the most optimistic among us, and I count myself among that number."

Mr. Brown had helped organise the encounter, along with Sir Leon Brittan and Martin Bangemann, members of the EU's executive commission.

"We asked for a business-driven agenda and now we have it," Mr. Brown declared. Recommendations adopted here will serve as a basis for an EU-U.S. summit in Madrid Dec. 3 attended by U.S. President Bill Clinton, European Commission Chairman Jacques Santer and Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez, whose country holds the EU's rotating presidency.

Participants here called for the speedy unification of technical specifications and certification requirements as a means of stimulating commercial exchanges.

"There should be increased transparency and cooperation," they said, adding that the European Union and the United States "should take all possible measures to liberalise trade as much as possible."

The businessmen pressed for an end to local and regional restrictions on investment, urged governments to refrain from unilateral sanctions and agreed on the importance of a global market.

Sir Brittan said delegates wanted world-wide trade to be "substantially" liberalised.

"The exact form of this still needs to be decided but the message from business is clear," he added.

Among those taking part in the conference were senior executives from Ericsson, Alcatel Alsthom, Ford, Xerox, Bethlehem Steel, Siemens and Pechiney.

An executive committee from the Seville conference will meet in January to review the degree to which the recommendations have been taken into consideration by governments.

Iraq takes measures to end gas shortage

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq has taken steps to tackle an acute shortage of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and to reduce soaring prices, Baghdad newspapers reported Sunday.

They said the price of gas cylinders for domestic use was now beyond the reach of low-income and most salaried people.

The government price for a gas cylinder is 60 dinars (about two U.S. cents), but by the time it reaches consumers

the price goes up to 750 dinars (about 30 cents), a sizeable chunk of a civil servant's salary.

The papers blamed low production and high transport costs for the LPG shortages and high prices.

Oil Minister Amir Mohammad Rasheed pledged in a newspaper interview Sunday that he was determined to end the shortage and help reduce prices.

Winter has just arrived in Baghdad, and long queues

form outside gas cylinder distribution centres.

Mr. Rasheed said it cost more to transport gas than to produce it. He said it cost the government 60 dinars to fill a cylinder but 75 dinars to transport it to distribution centres.

He said his ministry had increased the number of gas filling factories to 46 from 14, and these were producing half a million cylinders per day.

Iraqis use gas mainly for

cooking. Residents said there was high demand for gas cylinders in the three northern provinces now under Kurdish rebel control — one of the factors behind the soaring prices.

Iraq also supplies Jordan with its gas and crude oil requirements. A fleet of

tankers ferries about 70,000 barrels of oil a day to Jordan.

Mr. Rasheed said his ministry suffered from a shortage in vehicles to transport gas inside the country. Lack of spare parts had made idle 79 vehicles out of a fleet of 169.

'One-fifth of tourists to Cyprus are from the Middle East & Gulf'

THE CYPRUS Tourism Organisation (CTO), in cooperation with Cyprus Airways and Sun Hotels Group held a one-week Cyprus folklore & food festival at Nile Hilton, which coincided with the 11th General Assembly of the World Tourism Organisation recently held in Cairo and attended by 1000 delegates from 121 countries and 350 journalists, many of whom enjoyed these traditional & lively Cyprus nights.

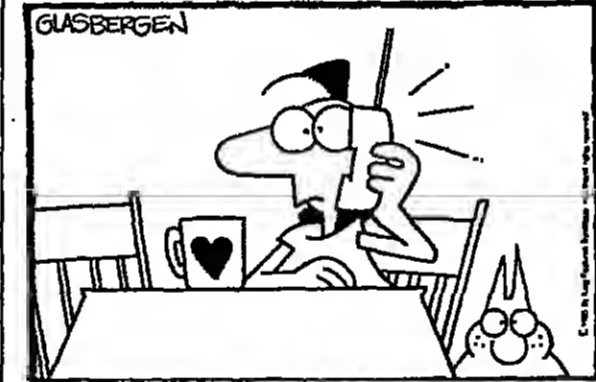
Mrs. Phryne Michael, the CTO director-general, said in a press statement that Cyprus targets at increasing the quality of tourists from the neighbouring Arab states, who often come repeatedly with their families and love our modern touristic resorts, the safe & clean environment, the moderate climate round-the-year, the flowery swimming pools & beaches full of European tourists, as well as our landscapes, pine-clad mountains with snow for skiing in winter.

Mrs. Michael said that over two million tourists have visited the island in 1994, and the figures for the first semester of 1995 showed an increase of 8.4 per cent. Of these visitors, 20 per cent come from the Middle East and the Gulf and find no difficulty in communication since English, Arabic & French are widely spoken by our friendly, hospitable people. The total annual number of tourists represents more than 3 times the population of Cyprus, however, they are comfortably accommodated in our 80,000 beds that exist in 183 hotels, 190 hotel apartments and other licensed flats & villas.

"It is worthy of note that almost one-third of the total tourists come to us in winter, when they can ski on the mountains or take a swim in the sunshine," she said.

Picture from left: Cypriot Minister of Commerce, Industry & Tourism Kyriakos Christofilis; Secretary-General of the Greek National Tourist Organisation Apostolos Kossonas; CTO Publicity Agent for the Middle East & Gulf Edward Daniel; CTO Director-General Phryne Michael; CTO Director for the Arab States Cleanthis Nafitis, and CTO Chairman of the Board of Directors Andreas Nicolaou.

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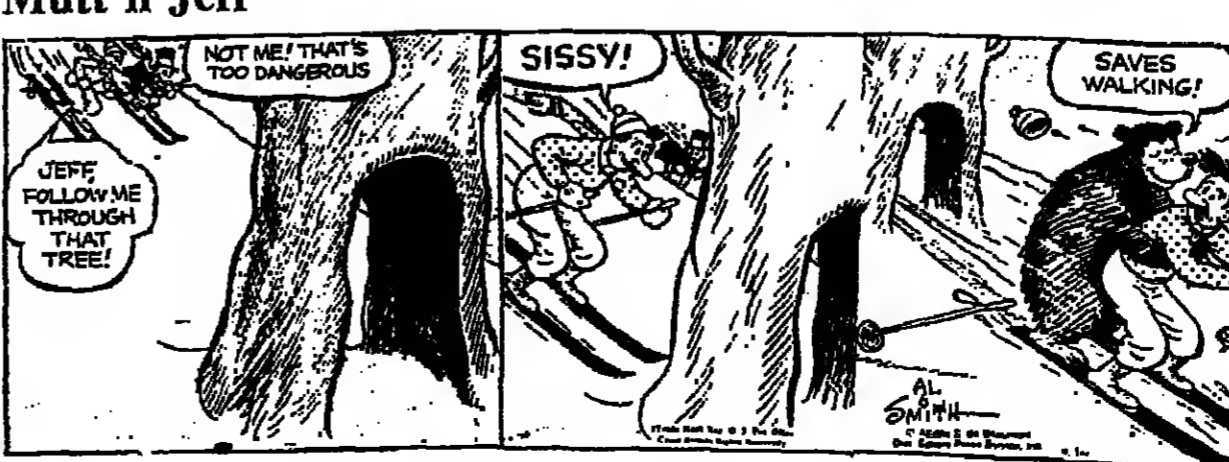
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OECD forecasters confirm downward growth revision

PARIS (AFP) — OECD forecasters confirmed here Tuesday a downward revision of growth projections for the 25 member countries of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) for this year and 1996.

Participants in the semi-annual meeting of the OECD's Economic Policy Committee (EPC) said the OECD secretariat presented a new set of preliminary figures that might still have to be adjusted before publication of the OECD's year-end forecasts next month.

The revision took into account a near-stagnation in the Japanese economy, this year's sharp recession in Mexico following its financial

crisis, and a weaker-than-expected performance in Europe.

The officials said the revised overall figures were in line with those indicated at the end of September by OECD Secretary-General Jean-Claude Paye, who forecasted OECD growth of about 2.25 per cent this year and around 2.5 per cent in 1996.

The figure for 1995 was about 0.5 below last June's OECD forecast, while growth next year in the 25 industrial nations could be about one quarter-point less than initially expected.

However, participants did not appear overly worried by the slower pace of growth. Some of them noted that growth rates now appear

more "synchronised" than last year.

Moreover, they said, inflation appeared to be under control throughout the OECD area and employment had been picking up, although jobless figures remain too high in many European countries.

The panel, a forum for discussion and exchange of information among policy-making officials of the OECD countries, which meets twice annually to examine economic trends and prospects and discuss their implications for government policies, focused on structural policy issues at its opening session, including action that could help reduce unemployment.

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VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Be more concerned with the big issues today instead of concentrating on the details so much of any enterprise you are involved.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) You can today view your partners from a different and better angle at this time and come to a fine understanding with them.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Be enthusiastic about accomplishing a good deal today and you can do just that and efficiently, also. Channel energies constructively.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Put dull duties aside and go after what is important in the business world and gain your aims. Also, have a good time.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) If you use the right words at this time, you can easily get your family to do what you wish. Study your home for needed repairs.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) This is a good day today to see as many persons as you can, whether for business or personal purposes and get good results.

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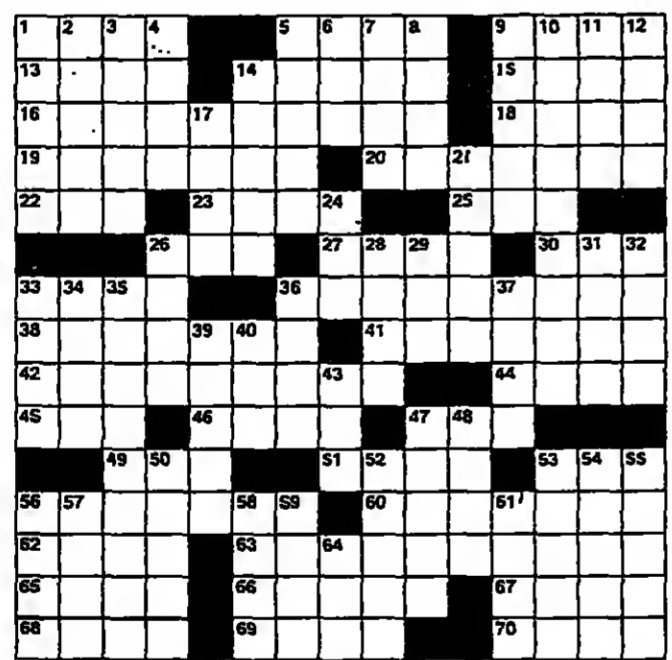
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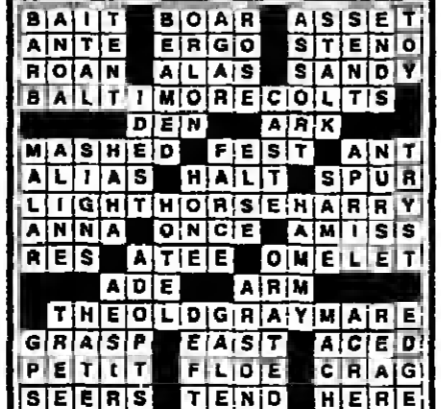
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- English river
- Skim along
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- Slinging insect
- Author Wister
- House pet
- Pedestal part
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Yesterday's puzzle solved:



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- Jeweler's glass
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- Framework
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- Phase
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- Procession
- Pitcher
- Hershey
- "The Way We..."
- "A miss is as good as..."
- Secure
- Pick up an option
- Rocky crag
- Fool
- News
- Linguistic unit
- Arabian gulf
- Canvas shelter
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- Teachers' org.
- Greek letter
- Place of a crime
- Gaelic
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- Provoked
- Allan—
- Shelf
- Livelihood
- Forbidding town
- Arabian potentate
- Letter encl.
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Tax reform concerns threaten investment in China

SHANGHAI (AFP) — The fear of massive tax reforms in China has put foreign investors and local officials on edge against projects being undertaken as too costly.

"Today it's on the level of a panic," said a senior official in the Shanghai government. "If the government is going to do a global market, it's going to be a very hot market. It's a very hot market. It's a very hot market."

Mr. Van Kerkhove, a Dutch businessman, said that the government's plan to raise taxes on imported capital would be a major concern for both foreign and local firms involved in large capital investments.

Qiu Xianyan, deputy director of a joint venture treatment and conservation project between the Shanghai government and the World Bank, said costs on several projects worth more than \$500 million could rise sharply.

"The advantage of the World Bank loans was that we could purchase the cheapest equipment from anywhere in the world," Mr. Qiu said. "If the central government raises the tax, the total investment of our projects will increase 20 to 30 per cent."

Foreign Exchange Market Summary (November 6 - November 10, 1995)

AMMAN — The U.S. unit depreciated sharply against the yen last week, while appreciating modestly against sterling and stabilising against the mark. It ended the week 2.96 per cent lower against the yen, 8.89 per cent higher against sterling.

The dollar depreciated marginally against the mark and the yen Monday, while stabilising against sterling. The U.S. unit declined as traders feared the consequences of the heated debate between Congress and the White House over the budget deficit. Analysts indicated that if the two parties failed to reach an agreement regarding increasing the debt ceiling before Nov. 15, the U.S. government will default on its financial obligations, including a \$25 billion interest payment. They, however, stressed that it is unlikely that the two parties will fail to reach an agreement by that time.

The U.S. unit appreciated marginally against the mark Tuesday, while drifting lower against the yen and sterling. Reports indicated that the dollar rose against the mark on news that the French prime minister cut nine of 42 cabinet posts in his new cabinet, and pledged to trim federal programmes to bring about a reduction in the budget deficit.

The dollar continued its depreciation against the yen Wednesday, while appreciating against the mark and sterling. The dollar's rise came on the back of the mark's decline against other European currencies on profit taking operations. Meanwhile, the dollar shrugged off news that the Mexican peso tumbled, as the Mexican government was said to be considering imposing restrictions on capital transfers out of Mexico.

The U.S. unit continued its depreciation against the mark and yen Thursday, while appreciating against sterling. Reports indicated that traders took long position on the yen and the Mexican peso. The Mexican peso rose sharply after the Mexican central bank unexpectedly intervened heavily to support its currency.

The dollar rose against other major currencies at the end of the week, however, as traders reversed the preceding day's activity and took their profits on the Mexican peso and the yen. Meanwhile, market participants focused on developments in the U.S. budget debate, where the U.S. Administration was expected to veto a GOP bill, passed in the lower house, which allows an increase in the U.S. debt ceiling until early December, but includes spending conditions that are unacceptable to the Clinton's Administration.

The U.S. unit, thus, ended the week at 1.4175 marks, 100.90 yen and at \$1.5660 to sterling.

New York Closing Rates for Major Currencies Against the U.S. Dollar

Currency	Today Nov. 10, 1995	Friday Nov. 10, 1995	Percent Change
Sterling Pound*	1.5800	1.5600	(0.89) %
Deutsche Mark	1.4167	1.4175	(0.06) %
Swiss Franc	1.1400	1.1396	0.04 %
French Franc	4.8952	4.8835	0.24 %
Japanese Yen	103.89	100.80	2.96 %

* US\$ Per 100

Euro-Currency Interbank Rates*

Currency	1-Month (%)	3-Month (%)	6-Month (%)	1-Year (%)
U.S. Dollar	5.78	5.50	5.71	5.93
Sterling Pound	6.62	6.62	6.62	6.56
Deutsche Mark	7.93	3.89	3.88	3.81
Swiss Franc	1.87	1.81	1.55	1.51
French Franc	6.10	5.80	6.10	5.75
Japanese Yen	0.50	0.62	0.46	0.56

* Interbank bid rates for currencies in U.S. Dollars 1,000,000 or equivalent

Central Bank of Jordan Exchange Rate Bulletin

Currency	12 - 1995	11 - 1995
U.S. Dollar	0.7080	0.7100
Sterling Pound	1.1072	1.1127
Deutsche Mark	0.5012	0.5037
Swiss Franc	0.6226	0.6257
French Franc	0.1448	0.1455
Japanese Yen	0.7009	0.7044
British Guine	0.4470	0.4498
Swedish Krona	0.0443	0.0445

Source: Jordan Times, November 12, 1995

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Survey shows Jordanians against raising bread prices

A SURVEY on a sample covering 5,000 Jordanian families from various governorates and with varying incomes, has shown that 65.5 per cent of the group think that current bread prices are suitable and that they disapprove of any increase in prices. According to the study conducted by the Consumer Protection Society, 79.1 per cent of the sample buy more than five kilograms of bread everyday and 7.7 per cent buy less than four kilograms. It was also found that 79.1 per cent of the families with eight members buy more than five kilograms of bread daily. Most families, 79.1 per cent, comprising seven members or more were found not to waste bread. Neither was there any waste in families who had less than five members (7.7 per cent). Waste was mainly existent in 5.9 per cent of the sample with a 5-member family and in 7.3 per cent of the group having six members. The waste was two loaves (150 grammes each) each day for the first category and one loaf for the second. The society said religious belief that bread is a grace from God and should not be thrown away, could be attributed to the low wastage of bread which is also considered as a basic food product for most of the world's families. Those families (34.5 per cent) who said that the price of the Arabic bread was not suitable claimed that the quality of the loaf does not match the price (\$5 fils per kilogramme) it costs. Others said they cannot afford to pay the current prices either because of the large size of the family or because of high living costs in general. To improve the quality of bread, 75.5 per cent of the sample suggested buying better quality of wheat, 55.1 per cent proposed using modern furnaces and 52.9 per cent recommended employing skilled labourers. As to the subject of subsidy, 65.5 per cent favoured keeping the current price, 21.3 per cent preferred raising the price by 15 per cent and 13.2 per cent backed raising the price by 25 fils per kilogramme. This result should be seen against the background that 41 per cent of the sample earn less than JD 300 per month and that 61.5 per cent of the families comprised seven or more members. Of those who preferred keeping bread prices unchanged (2,338 families), 91.9 per cent cited decreasing purchasing power as a reason, 80.4 per cent cited the large size of the family and 80.1 per cent saw bread as a basic food product and, as such, should be easily available to all people. Abdul Elah Al Hamawi, head of the general association for owners of bakeries, indicated that more than 50 per cent of subsidised bread and wheat is consumed by people outside the target group of beneficiaries. The country is estimated to consume 600,000 tonnes of wheat per year and the Ministry of Supply, the sole importer of wheat, says it pays about JD 85 million for this product annually. Last year, the ministry sold 657,000 tonnes of wheat to the market. But, with the international price for wheat reaching \$210 a tonne from \$177 a tonne few months ago, Jordan's bill for wheat is expected to be much higher this year unless bread prices are raised or subsidies rechannelled to reach only the needy families (Al Ra'i).

BESIDES THE subject of bread, the head of Consumer Protection Society says the prices of vegetables and fruits should not be allowed to float unchecked. He said the society favours floating prices under some controls to safeguard the majority of the public who will be hurt as a result of the expected rise on produce prices. He pointed out that most families will not be able to tolerate the increase under the prevailing conditions marked by weak purchasing power. He called on the Ministry of Supply to start floating produce prices gradually beginning with vegetables not considered as essential. Prices of tomatoes, potatoes, cucumbers, garlic and onions, which are high demand always, should never be floated (Al Dastour).

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Giro d'Italia to start in Greece without big names

ROME (R) — The 1996 Giro d'Italia cycling race will start in Athens to mark the 110th anniversary of the modern Olympic Games, organisers said on Saturday. But the 3,951-km event will be missing some big names.

Organisers presented the itinerary of the 74th Giro, which begins on May 15 and includes four stages in Greece and traditional cross-border excursions into France and Switzerland for a total of 22 stages.

Only one stretch will have an individual time-trial — the 64-km, 19th stage on June 6th from Vicenza to Marostica in northern Italy — and there will be only one rest day to transfer riders to Italy on May 21.

But if the organisers pointed happily to the venture into Greece, which revived an ancient tradition when it staged the first modern Olympic Games in April 1896, they said nothing about some big absences.

Five-time Tour de France winner Miguel Indurain of Spain and Tour of Spain champion Laurent Jalabert of France will not ride in Italy's most important cycling event, their Banesto and Ince teams have said.

Last year's winner, Swiss Toni Rominger, has yet to say if he will ride in the Giro, which ends in June 9th — just 20 days before the start of what looks set to be an especially

gruelling Tour de France.

And Italy's Marco Pantani, seriously injured recently when he was hit by a truck, may not be ready by the start. Claudio Chiappucci is uncertain about riding, leaving veteran Gianni Bugno as Italy's best bet.

But riders at the presentation said they liked the Giro's early stages in a relatively flat part of central Greece and its final, arduous stretch through the Alps.

"It is a very different Giro from past years," Eugeny Berzin, the Russian winner of the 1994 Giro, said. "The first part is very open and the last five days will be decisive," he told reporters.

The 14th through 17th stages will be in the western Alps, and the 20th and 21st stages in the Dolomites where a high point of 2,621 metres is reached at Coppi's Peak.

"The final stretch will be very, very intense," a bed-ridden Pantani told state television.

Hill wins season-ending Australian Grand Prix

ADELAIDE (AFP) — Damon Hill scored a morale-boosting victory in the season-ending Australian Formula One Grand Prix in Adelaide on Sunday where all his rivals fell by the wayside.

Hill, driving a Williams Renault, finished two laps ahead of the lesser-known Frenchman Olivier Panis, in a Ligier Mugen, and Italian Gianni Morbidelli, in a Footwork Hart.

The 81 lap race over 306 kilometres (190 miles) unfolded into a gruelling war of attrition with only eight of the 23 cars finishing.

Panis and Morbidelli were able to grab some rare lime-light after the likes of double world champion Michael Schumacher, Hill's teammate David Coulthard and Ferrari's Jean Alesi and Gerhard Berger all dropped out.

Hill's fourth win of the

year, and 13th overall from 51 starts, cemented his second place behind Schumacher in the final drivers' standings. Williams also dominated qualifying and the race before what was claimed by officials to be a world record Formula One crowd of 205,000.

Hill won the last Australian Grand Prix to be staged at Adelaide, before it moves to Melbourne from next March, in one hour 49 minutes 15.946 seconds.

"I was anticipating a long, hard race, but everything just fell apart... Gerhard dropped out, Michael dropped out, David dropped out, (Johnny) Herbert as well... it was ridiculous," Hill said.

"For a country famous for flies, they were dropping like them here and I was going around thinking this is too easy, and that's when something jumps out and bites you."

Hill's year started optimistically but turned sour. His last win was in Hungary in July and he was forced to retire three times in the five races leading up to Adelaide.

"This is a great morale-booster for the team, we had hoped to have done this in the last three races, but at least we've managed to pull it off here and we showed that the Williams car is very competitive and probably the best car out there now," he said.

Hill started in pole position but teammate Coulthard hit the front until lap 22 when first Coulthard and then Schumacher came to grief.

Coulthard, who is switching to McLaren next season, held a comfortable lead, but his first pit stop on lap 20 proved calamitous.

The 24-year-old Scot zoomed in off the track, but was too quick into the bend and slammed into the pit wall damaging his front left wheel.

"As I turned the corner with my foot on the brake the engine drove and pushed me forward, I locked up the front wheels and drove into the wall," said Coulthard.

Schumacher briefly took over, but after the German re-fuelled he had a wheel-banging collision with Alesi at the end of the main straight.

The Frenchman's Ferrari



World champion Michael Schumacher of Germany receives cheers from spectators during a drivers' parade at the Australian Formula One Grand Prix in Adelaide (AFP photo)

suffered front wing damage and in the flying debris, Schumacher's Benetton was forced to make a two stops in the pits before a rear suspension problem ended his hopes of a record 10th win in a season. He equalled Nigel Mansell's standard at Suzuka last month.

"In my view, he (Alesi) was just frustrated. I had passed him, but he tried to pass me back on the outside where there was no way," said Schumacher.

"As he realised this, he pulled back and put his front

opinion, but there will not be a grudge between us."

Berger, bidding for a third victory here, took up the pursuit from the 31st lap, but he pulled out four laps later with smoke billowing from his Ferrari engine.

Schumacher's teammate, Johnny Herbert, briefly entertained hopes of a British one-two behind Hill, before he came to grief on lap 71 with flames showing from the back of his Benetton.

It was left to Panis to secure his best finish but not without drama as his Ligier's engine began smoking with four laps left. He went on with smoke pouring over the track, but was able to keep going long enough to secure the six points as runner-up.

Morbidelli, with just 4½ points from 59 previous GPs, also limped home into third spot.

"The problem was that there was a terrible smell in my cabin because it was leaking oil, and for the last stages of the race I was saying 'what is this smell? Come on, come one another lap'... that was my problem," said the popular Italian.

"The condition of Formula One driver Mika Hakkinen continued to improve here Sunday after a horrifying accident in the Australian Grand Prix qualifying round Friday.

Hakkinen was unconscious for 24 hours after suffering head injuries when his McLaren Mercedes, travelling at around 250 kmh (155mph), spun out of control and hurtled into a wall.

The medical bulletin from Royal Adelaide Hospital early Sunday said the 27-year-old Finn had significantly improved and he had slept comfortably.

The hospital said Hakkinen would remain in intensive care for another 24 hours, and would subsequently need further hospital treatment.

On Saturday a hospital statement said Hakkinen had sat up in bed and spoken with staff.

The racing world feared the worst on Friday when doctors needed 15 minutes to extricate him from the cockpit of his McLaren car. Press photographs showed him with blood around his mouth and nose.

McLaren team boss Ron Dennis has blamed a punctured left-hand rear tyre for Hakkinen's accident.

Wheel in the front of my rear wheel. I had nowhere to go but over his tyre and that was it. I damaged the tyre and my suspension. It was the end of my race.

Alesi said: "After the race I talked with Michael. We both said our piece calmly. Neither of us changed our

Winners of 1995 Formula Grand Prix One

March 26	Brazil	Michael Schumacher
April 9	Argentina	Damon Hill
April 30	San Marino	Damon Hill
May 14	Spain	Michael Schumacher
May 28	Mouano	Michael Schumacher
June 11	Canada	Jean Alesi
July 2	France	Michael Schumacher
July 16	Britain	Johnny Herbert
July 30	Germany	Michael Schumacher
August 13	Hungary	Damon Hill
August 27	Belgium	Michael Schumacher
Sept. 10	Italy	Johnny Herbert
Sept. 24	Portugal	David Coulthard
Oct. 1	European GP	Michael Schumacher
Oct. 22	Pacific GP	Michael Schumacher
Oct. 29	Japan	Michael Schumacher
Nov. 12	Australia	Damon Hill

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4	30898	23	6129	42	29695
5	9400	24	30266	43	2467
6	29351	25	9569	44	13444
7	33888	26	4132	45	9940
8	1479	27	13567	46	6974
9	10389	28	23761	47	4781
10	20223	29	17488	48	411
11	8081	30	33475	49	420
12	900	31	2413	50	12850
13	26514	32	32042	51	301
14	25506	33	13008	52	30402
15	1441	34	13421	53	30214
16	13790	35	32145	54	8586
17	33511	36	30330	55	6262
18	29103	37	4491	56	3036
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A 6 3

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The bidding:
West 1♠ Pass
North 2♠ Pass
East 3♠ Pass
South 4♠ Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠.

Here's another example of the type of hand that is a bone to the average player, yet the expert will show, always get right automatically. Again, it involves no spectacular pyrotechnics, just sound technique.

The auction requires some comment. When partner responds to one club with one spade, the odds greatly favor partner having a five-card suit. This is especially true here, where East is surely short in hearts. Therefore, we would have

bid four spades with the West declarer. A contract that requires accurate defense to defeat. (Try it yourself.)

Defending against four hearts, West led the king of clubs. Dummy's ace was taken and trumps were drawn in three rounds. Declarer then led the remaining club. West grabbed the ace and returned a spade, and declarer eventually had to lead a diamond from hand — down one.

Using one of dummy's entries to lead a diamond to the king would have been as futile.

A card-play which would make the hand no less than West would not have shifted to a spade with four cards in that suit, since the defender could infer that declarer was almost certainly void in the suit. Therefore, after winning the ace of spades at trick two, declarer would ruff a spade, return to the table with the queen of hearts and ruff another spade. Now trumps would be drawn, after which declarer would exit with a club.

On winning the club trick, West would be faced with a choice of losing plays. Braking diamonds would eliminate one of declarer's losers in the suit; returning a club would be even worse, permitting declarer to checkmate both diamonds on the high clubs.

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JORDAN ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY ADVERTISEMENT

FOR ISSUE OF TENDER NO. JS/01/95 FOR 400KV OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINES ELECTRICAL INTERCONNECTION PROJECT BETWEEN JORDAN AND SYRIA

Jordan Electricity Authority declares that they have secured a loan from the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development for financing the 400kv electrical interconnection project with the Syrian Network. Jordan Electricity Authority intends to use part of this loan for financing of the Tender No. JS/01/95 for the supply and installation of the following 400kv Overhead Transmission Lines:

- 1- The 400kv single circuit overhead transmission line of a total length of about 60km from the Syrian border to the location of Amman North Substation.
- 2- The 400kv Double circuit overhead transmission line of a total length of about 40km from the location of Amman North S/SN to the location of Amman South S/SN.

The Tender includes the following options:

- 1- Supply of Steel Towers: Design, manufacture, testing and delivery of the steel towers for the two mentioned lines. The design and manufacturing drawings of the double circuit towers will be provided to the successful tenderer.
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- 4- Insulators and Fittings: Design, manufacture, testing and delivery of insulator strings and fittings for the phase conductors and stranded steel earthwires.
- 5- Erection: Receiving of all necessary material for the 400kv transmission lines, transport and erection of the complete lines including the towers, insulator strings, conductors, earthwires, OPGW and fittings.
- 6- Turnkey: Design, manufacture, testing, delivery, insurance and erection of all needed 400kv transmission lines materials.

Tenderers who are interested to participate in any of the tender options can obtain the tender documents from the Procurement Department in Jordan Electricity Authority main offices located between the 6th and the 7th circles- Jabal Amman starting from Saturday 11/11/1995 onwards against a nonrefundable amount of USD 1000 or equivalent in Jordan Dinars in favour of Jordan Electricity Authority for each set of tender documents and submission of a purchase order accompanied by a copy of the receipt for payment.

The purchase order should clearly include the tenderer's name, his local agent and address, telex, fax and telephone number.

Bids are to be submitted to the Secretary of Tendering Committee at the above address not later than 12:00 noon Amman time on Saturday 10/2/96 accompanied with a bid bond in the amount given in the tender documents.

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Jordan Electricity Authority declares that they have secured a loan from the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development for financing the 400kv electrical interconnection project with the Syrian Network.

Jordan Electricity Authority intends to use part of this loan for financing of the Tender No. JS/02/95 which includes design, manufacture, delivery, installation, testing, commissioning and guarantee of 400kv conventional outdoor switchgear as Option 1 or 400kv SF6 metalclad switchgear as Option 2 and control, protection and ancillary equipment complete with civil works for Amman North 400kv Substation.

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In case the tenderer requires the tender documents to be sent to him by mail, the express airmail cost will be added.

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Italy edge out Ukraine

BARI (AFP) — Italy stormed back from a goal down to beat Ukraine 3-1 here on Saturday night, virtually guaranteeing themselves a place in next year's European Championships in England.

Two goals in five minutes at the start of the second-half killed off the Ukrainians as Italy, who had made a poor start, finally got into gear. They finished comfortable winners of the Group 4 tie.

The first three goals all arose from defensive errors. Antonio Benarrivo, the Parma right-back, completely missed his kick in the 18th minute, allowing the ball to run on to the left wing and Gennady Orbu, who passed inside to Andrei Polunin.

Polunin's drive from eight metres was deflected in off defender Ciro Ferrara as he tried to block.

Three minutes later, Benarrivo made amends by chasing a long through-ball from Ferrara into the Ukrainian penalty area.

Ukrainian goalkeeper Oleg Suslov half-blocked the shot and as the ball bobbed towards the goal-line, Ukrainian substitute Aleksandr Yevashok ran back but completely missed the ball, leaving Fabrizio Ravanelli a simple tap-in.

The killer blows came soon after the break. Massimo Crippa, a second-half substitute for Dino Baggio, sent a low cross into the box just three minutes after the re-start. Viktor Skripnik tried to clear but deceived his own keeper and Juventus hero Ravanelli was there on the goal line to guide the ball home.

Five minutes later, AC Milan defender Paolo Maldini joined in the attack and scored the goal of the game — chipping the ball over a defender and then volleying it past the keeper from just inside the penalty area.

Italian teammate Marco Moretti, who came on for Gianfranco Zola up front, sent close twice as the Italians tightened the screw.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Jansher takes record 7th title

NICOSIA (R) — Jansher Khan of Pakistan won a record seventh World Open Squash title on Saturday, beating British challenger Del Hatis 15-10, 17-14, 16-17, 15-8. But the Englishman gave Jansher his toughest final in seven years, saving three match points to win the third game. It took the world champion a gruelling 101 minutes to win. The 26-year-old has now assured his place in the history books by passing compatriot Jahangir Khan's six world open titles. "I felt a lot of pressure," he told reporters after the match. "I am 26 and getting older by the day. If I lost now, it would be difficult to keep the momentum."

Collymore threatens to quit

LONDON (R) — Striker Stan Collymore, Britain's most expensive player, has threatened to quit soccer, saying his £8.5 million (\$13.4 million) transfer to Liverpool has turned into a nightmare. The 24-year-old, who left Nottingham Forest in the off-season, has made little impact at Anfield where he cannot hold down a regular first team place. Collymore, who has admitted he has found it difficult adjusting to Liverpool's slick passing style, is quoted in the British Sunday Mirror tabloid as saying he is prepared to turn his back on football.

Bure out for NHL season

VANCOUVER (AFP) — Russia's Pavel Bure, who scored 60 goals three seasons ago for the National Hockey League's Vancouver Canucks, will miss the remainder of this season with a torn right knee ligament. Bure was checked from behind into the boards by Steve Smith in a 5-2 loss to the Chicago Blackhawks on Thursday. Bure was sliding into the boards behind the net as he was hit by Smith. Pat Quinn, the Canucks general manager, said under no circumstances will Bure be back this season, not even for the playoffs, because of the torn anterior cruciate ligament. "Luckily he suffered no other damage to his knee," team doctor Ross Davidson said. Bure and compatriot Alexander Mogilny were expected to form one of this season's most high-scoring NHL duos.

Squash fights for Olympic inclusion

NICOSIA (AFP) — Squash was still fighting to become an Olympic sport by the year 2000, the president of the World Squash Federation (WSF) said on Sunday. Malaysia's Tunku Imran, whose influence at the head of the WSF helped squash into the Commonwealth Games in his home country in 1998, is determined it should also be included in the Sydney Olympics. Beach volleyball and softball are provisional sports for the 1996 Atlanta Games, and triathlon and taekwondo have the same status in the 2000 Games. Imran is hopeful that squash, with 105 member nations and 15 million players, will also join the Olympic movement at the turn of the century. "We are still trying hard to get Olympic recognition for squash," Imran said.

Celtic win 2-1

GLASGOW (R) — Tall Dutch striker Pierre Van Hooydonk scored twice as Celtic beat Partick Thistle 2-1 to edge two points nearer leaders Rangers, held 1-1 at home by Aberdeen, in the Scottish Premier Division on Saturday. Rangers have 32 points and Celtic 28 after 13 matches. Third-placed Hibernian fell behind with a 2-0 defeat at Falkirk and are on 22 points, two above Aberdeen. Russian Oleg Salenko's 40th-minute equaliser extended Rangers' unbeaten league run to nine games in a keenly contested match at Ibrox. Scotland midfielder Eoin Jess put Aberdeen in front in the 28th minute and although Rangers pulled level they were denied a victory to avenge their League Cup semifinal defeat by the same rivals last month.

NBA punishes 16 for brawl

NEW YORK (Agencies) — Indiana forward Dale Davis and Sacramento forward Michael Smith received the most serious punishments among 16 players fined or suspended by the National Basketball Association (NBA) here Saturday.

The players were involved in a major fight during Friday's game at Indianapolis. The Kings beat the host Pacers 119-95, improving to a franchise-best 5-0 start.

Davis and Smith were each suspended for two games and fined \$21,000 for their part in the brawl, which took place in the third quarter.

The Pacers were without coach Larry Brown, whose angry protest of a referee's call at New York resulted in a one-game suspension he was serving.

Replacements for striking regular NBA referees have now contributed to nine player suspensions and fines worth a combined \$155,000 in the first eight days of the NBA season.

Kings' centre Duane Causwell was suspended one game without pay and fined \$7,500 for serving other than as a peacemaker.

There were 13 other players fined \$2,500 each for leaving the bench area, forcing the league to invoke a rare rule regarding the minimum number of players that must dress for a game.

Smith, Causwell, guard Tyus Edney and forward Byron Houston were forced out of Sacramento's game Saturday at New Jersey. Smith, centre Olden Polynice, guard Sarunas Marciulionis and forward Lionel Simmons will miss Tuesday's game against the Los Angeles Lakers. Walt Williams will be out Thursday at Portland.

Magic nip Heat on last-second layup

Penny Hardaway's tough layup with 1.2 seconds left in the game lifted the Orlando Magic to a 94-93 victory over the Miami Heat on Saturday. Hardaway, who scored 34 points, worked off a pick set by Horace Grant and went into the lane, double-

clutching over Miami centre Alonzo Mourning.

"Hardaway made the play," Miami coach Pat Riley said. "He makes one incredible shot. He double-pumped it, had Mourning in his face, and made one hell of a shot."

Dennis Scott scored 12 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter as Orlando made up a nine-point deficit and extended its home winning streak against Eastern Conference opponents to 31. They are 46-2 overall at home during that span.

"When we're in this building, we have the fans cheering as loud as they can, we think we can do anything," Hardaway said. "When we were down, the crowd gave us energy and we went on a 10-0 run that really helped us out."

Mourning scored 28 points and Billy Owens added 18 points and 13 rebounds for Miami, which lost its first game of the season after starting a franchise-best 3-0.

In Chicago, Michael Jordan scored 15 of his 36 points in the fourth quarter to lift the Bulls past the Portland Trail Blazers 110-106 and keep them the NBA's only unbeaten team.

The Bulls' 5-0 start is the best in franchise history.

Jordan also had seven assists. Scottie Pippen added 21 points, nine rebounds and six assists for Chicago, which won its second consecutive game without forward Dennis Rodman, who is out with a strained left calf muscle.

Cliff Robinson scored a career-high 39 points and Rod Strickland added 29 for Portland.

In Dallas, Andrew Lang and Ken Norman scored 21 points apiece and the Atlanta Hawks used an 18-2 fourth-quarter run to hand the Mavericks their first loss of the season, 113-100.

Atlanta trailed 85-76 after three quarters before out-scoring the Mavericks 37-15 in the fourth quarter. Stacey Augmon added 10 of his 12 points in the fourth quarter for the Hawks, who have won three straight games, all on the road.

Jim Jackson scored 30



Scottie Pippen (left) of the Chicago Bulls battles for a loose ball (AFP photo)

points and Jamal Mashburn added 27 for Dallas, which lost after a franchise-best 4-0 start.

At New Jersey, Jayson Williams scored all 17 of his points in the second half and the nets held the short-handed Sacramento Kings scoreless for the final 3:49 to win 88-84.

Kevin Edwards scored 24 points and Williams added 14 rebounds for New Jersey.

The Kings (5-1) suffered their first loss of the season. Guard Tyus Edney, centre Duane Causwell and forwards Michael Smith and Byron Houston were suspended for their part in a brawl against Indiana on Friday.

Mitch Richmond scored 17 points and Olden Polynice added 16 for the Kings. In Charlotte, Larry John-

son scored 12 of his 34 points in overtime and Glen Rice added 31 points as the Hornets defeated the Toronto Raptors 123-117.

Johnson scored the first four points of overtime for a 109-105 lead as the Hornets never trailed in the extra period.

Willie Anderson had 23 points and nine rebounds and Murray added 22 points for expansion Toronto (1-5), which lost its fifth straight game.

In Houston, Hakeem Olajuwon scored his 20,000th career point as the Rockets routed the Minnesota Timberwolves 119-97.

Olajuwon's basket with 3:30 left in the first period was his 20,001st career point, making him the 21st player in NBA history to reach the plateau.

Olajuwon, Sam Cassell and Robert Horry all scored 21 points for Houston, which improved to 4-1. Sam Mitchell scored 13 points for the Timberwolves, who dropped to 1-4.

In Seattle, Shawn Kemp scored 24 points as the SuperSonics routed the Vancouver Grizzlies 117-81.

Hersey Hawkins scored 22 points for Seattle (4-2). Benoit Benjamin scored 14 points for Vancouver, which dropped its fourth straight after opening the season with two wins.

The first half of the game was played without a shot clock as the public address announcer had to count down the seconds for every possession due to malfunctioning in Seattle's key arena, which is in its first year of use.

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